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FOR ARA/CEN COCKBURN AND L/ARA

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, CASC, CS
SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST ON LA
PENCA

1. ACTION REQUEST PARA 4.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AN ADVISER TO THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMISSION DEALING WITH THE 1984
LA PENCA INCIDENT REQUESTING THE NAME OF THE
EXPLOSIVES EXPERT SENT BY THE USG TO HELP IN THE
POST-BOMBING INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE REPLIED THAT OUR
FILES DO NOT CONTAIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND THAT
WE WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO CHECK ITS FILES, AND
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THOSE OF OTHER AGENCIES, TO SEE IF THE NAME CAN BE
LOCATED. WE HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE THE NAME IF
LEGALLY POSSIBLE, NOTING THE EXISTENCE OF U.S.
PRIVACY LAWS. TEXT OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY LETTER
ADDRESSED TO CHARGE PARA 3.

3. BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER:

DAYS AFTER THE MAY 1984 LA PENCA ATTEMPT, THE U.S.
EMBASSY PROVIDED AN EXPLOSIVES TECHNICIAN TO HELP IN
UNDERSTANDING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE USED. I WOULD VERY MUCH THANK YOU IF YOU
COULD PROVIDE ME THE NAME OF THAT OFFICIAL WHOSE
CONSIDERATIONS AND COMMENTARIES WERE OF GREAT VALUE
FOR CONCLUDING HOW THE BOMB THAT CAUSED DEATHS AND
INJURIES WAS MADE TO EXPLODE.

SINCERELY,

LIC. MINOR CALVO PIEDRA
EX-DIRECTOR, OIJ

END TEXT.

4. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE ADVISE.
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